

What is claimed is:

1. An audio assisted computer setup apparatus, comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a memory operatively connected to the processor, the memory containing audio file instructions for setting up a computer system;
 - 5 a speaker connected to the processor; and
 - a set of controls for controlling the operation of the audio file instructions; wherein the setup apparatus is activated upon a triggering event before the computer system is set up.
- 10 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the speaker is a piezoelectric speaker.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controls comprise a selection consisting essentially of back, next, repeat, restart, more, language select and speed select options.
- 15 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the set of controls further comprises a display which displays an instruction number and instruction label for the audio instruction being presented by the audio assisted setup apparatus.
- 20 5. The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising:
 - a photo diode operatively connected to activate the apparatus when exposed to sufficient light.
- 25 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is affixed to a computer component.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is affixed to a packing container of a computer system.

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8. The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising:
a mailing flap which folds over the apparatus to allow the apparatus to be mailed.

5 9. A packing container for a computer system, comprising:
a container capable of holding computer system components; and
an audio assisted setup apparatus affixed to the container, the apparatus activated to provide audio startup instructions to assist a user in setting up a computer system.

10 10. A computer system, comprising:
a computer; and
an audio assisted setup apparatus affixed to a component of the computer, the apparatus activated to provide audio setup instructions to assist a user in setting the system up.

15 11. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the audio assisted setup apparatus comprises:
a processor;
20 a memory operatively connected to the processor, the memory containing audio file instructions for setting up a computer system;
a speaker connected to the processor; and
a set of controls for controlling the operation of the audio file instructions.

25 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the speaker is a piezoelectric speaker.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the controls comprise a selection consisting essentially of back, next, repeat, restart, more, language select and speed select options.

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14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the set of controls further comprises a display which displays an instruction number and instruction label for the audio instruction being presented by the audio assisted setup apparatus.

5 15. The apparatus of claim 11, and further comprising:
a photo diode operatively connected to activate the apparatus when exposed to sufficient light.

10 16. A method of assisting a user in set up of a computer system, comprising:
providing a self-contained apparatus containing a set of audio instructions presentable to the user upon actuation of the apparatus;
activating the apparatus upon the occurrence of a triggering event; and
allowing the user to control the presentation of audio instructions.

15 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the triggering event is impingement of a predetermined amount of light on the apparatus.

20 18. The method of claim 16, and further comprising:
providing additional instructions if the user desires additional instructions.

19. The method of claim 16, and further comprising:
allowing the user to repeat an instruction.

25 20. The method of claim 16, and further comprising:
allowing the user to adjust the speed of presentation of the audio instructions.

21. The method of claim 16, allowing the user to restart the audio instructions from the beginning.

30 22. The method of claim 16, and further comprising:

displaying a legend indicating the instruction number and label corresponding to printed instructions.

23. A machine readable medium comprising machine executable instructions for 5 causing a processor to perform a method comprising:
providing a user a set of audio instructions for setting up a computer system.

24. The machine readable medium of claim 23, wherein the method further comprises:

10 providing additional instructions if the user desires additional instructions.

25. The method of claim 23, and further comprising:
allowing the user to repeat an instruction.

15 26. The method of claim 23, and further comprising:
allowing the user to adjust the speed of presentation of the audio instructions.

27. The method of claim 23, allowing the user to restart the audio instructions from the beginning.

20 28. The method of claim 23, and further comprising:
displaying a legend indicating the instruction number and label corresponding to printed instructions.

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